

IN ITALY—

Baptist Work Hurt By Floods

Baptists in Florence, Italy, came through the recent devastating flood with no loss of life but with considerable property damage.

Florence was the city hardest hit when torrential storms flooded the Arno and Po Rivers in northern Italy, spreading ruin over a wide area. Word from other places where Baptists may have suffered in the disaster was not available when the European Baptist Press Service reported on the flood November 16.

The Baptist church in Florence is located near the Arno, whose rampaging waters poured through the city November 4, causing 24 deaths (according to a news report a few days later), as well as ruining many art treasures. Floodwater rose about seven feet in the ground-floor auditorium of the church and

left about a foot of silt and sand when it receded. More than 200 hymnbooks and 150 Bibles were destroyed; a pump organ was badly damaged, perhaps beyond repair; electrical wiring, plaster, and flooring were damaged; and the foundation of the building may have been weakened.

Two families of the church lost all their personal possessions, six more lost most of their possessions, and others sustained lesser losses. Swiss Baptists and Italian Baptists who work in Switzerland have begun collecting money, clothing, and bedding for the relief of the Florentines.

The congregation is shoveling debris from the auditorium, with hope of having it cleaned up for Christmas. Meanwhile, services are being held in Sunday School rooms, located upstairs beyond reach of the flood.

State Conventions Take Varied Actions

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting here paid tribute to its executive secretary, W. Fred Kendall, on his tenth anniversary and adopted a record \$5 million budget goal for 1967.

The actual budget was set at \$4.6 million, to be divided 33 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention world-wide causes and 67 per cent for state causes. The remaining \$400,000 of the goal would be divided 50-50 for state and SBC causes.

The record budget, marking the first time Tennessee Baptists had voted to strive to raise \$5 million in a single year, compares to last year's goal of \$4.35 million.

Plans for a new Tennessee convention headquarters building in Nashville were announced, pending approval of the Nashville Metropolitan Zoning Board in December.

Kendell, former Baptist pastor from Jackson, Tenn., who became executive secretary 10 years ago, was presented a watch and a check for a two-week vacation.

A resolution urging the Tennessee legislature to strengthen laws on drunken driving and more rigid enforcement of laws prohibiting sale of alcoholic beverages to minors was adopted by the convention.

The resolution also urged more strict regulations on advertising of alcoholic beverages, and asked that the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission classify beer along with other alcoholic

beverages in its final report to the Tennessee legislature.

South Carolina

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP) — In what some veteran messengers called its most peaceful and harmonious convention in years, the South Carolina Baptist Convention adopted a record \$4.4 million budget and heard a major address by the president of the Baptist World Alliance.

W. R. Tolbert, vice president of the Republic of Liberia and head of the B.W.A., received a standing ovation from the convention following his address.

Another dignitary attending the convention was the governor of South Carolina, Robert McNair, who registered as a messenger from the First Baptist Church of Columbia, S.C.

Plans were initiated for "an appropriate celebration" of the 150th anniversary of Baptist work in South Carolina during the sesquicentennial year will be 1971.

The 1967 budget of \$4.4 million, an increase of \$500,000, retained a larger percentage of allocations for South Carolina causes than in previous years.

The convention changed the name of its Royal Ambassador camp in Pickens County to the McCall Camp, named in honor of Roy Lee McCall of Easley, S. C., who donated the land for the camp.

The uncontroversial convention was in contrast to last year's meeting when Furman University in Greenville was ordered to return a federal grant it had earlier accepted for construction of a science building, and the convention pledged to raise the funds to replace the \$611,888 denied in federal funds.

The church-state separation question at Furman, however, did not come up during the 1966 convention here.

Hawaii

HONOLULU, Hawaii (BP) — A special Veteran's Day period of prayer for the war in Viet Nam was held during the Hawaii Baptist Convention here.

The convention's executive secretary, Edmund Walker, said that Hawaii Baptists are

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Cuba Gives Caudill Conditional Release

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptist Missionary, Herbert Caudill, has been granted a conditional release from a Cuba prison, the Baptist Home Mission Board has learned.

Gerald Palmer, the board's Director of Language Missions, said he talked to Caudill by phone after receiving unverified reports of his release.

The conditional release gives Caudill, 63, freedom to move about in Havana to seek medical attention for failing eye sight.

On the phone, Caudill sounded in good spirits and said he could see, Palmer said. Caudill also said his son-in-law, David Fite, 32, appeared in better health since an undisclosed illness reported earlier.

Caudill and Fite were imprisoned in April 1965 after being convicted on charges of illegal currency exchange. Caudill was sentenced to 10 years, Fite to six. Thirty-five Cuban Baptist leaders also were imprisoned.

Caudill had received treatment in a government hospital and in a clinic before he was granted the conditional release to seek help on his own. He told Palmer doctors ordered him to rest.

"We are greatly encouraged by this news," Arthur B. Rutledge, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Home Board, said.

"We are not in position to evaluate the significance of this development but we trust that this will be the means for preserving Dr. Caudill's vision."

Rutledge called for Baptists to continue to pray that the conditional release eventually will lead to the liberation of both Caudill and Fite.

Blind In One Eye

Caudill is blind in one eye due to a detached retina and there is a possibility the other eye is suffering from a similar complication. Unconfirmed reports more than a month ago indicated Caudill was experiencing further complications with his eye sight.

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SUIT FILED TO VOID ARKANSAS ACTION

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP) — Three Arkansas Baptist pastors have filed suit in Pulaski Chancery Court here in an attempt to nullify the vote of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to release ownership of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center here so it can accept federal grants.

In filing the suit, the plaintiffs claimed that the convention did not vote to amend its constitution to provide for transfer of the hospital property to a private association, and thus the convention action is null and void.

The formal complaint asserts that the plaintiffs are pastors of Baptist churches and were members voting at

the meeting of the state convention in Little Rock, Nov. 7.

The plaintiffs "bring this action on behalf of themselves and all other members of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention similarly situated," the complaint stated.

Named as defendants in the suit are the convention president, Don Hook of Little Rock, vice president Thomas Hinson of West Memphis, and Executive Secretary S. A. Whitlow of Little Rock; along with three trustees of the Medical Center, W. M. Freez Jr. of Jonesboro; James A. Linder and R. A. Lile of Little Rock, plus hospital administrator John Gilbreath of Little Rock.

The defendants have 20 days (Continued on page 2)

"Behold the Lamb of God"

John 1:29



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

DECEMBER 4-11, 1966

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

SBC Goal \$14,500,000

Mississippi Goal \$700,000

Carey Trustees Take Action

Churchwide Participation Is Suggested

The trustees of William Carey College met on Monday, November 21, to implement the action of the recent Mississippi Baptist Convention giving the institution authority to lease land to private interests for the construction of a new Food Center, to take proper action relative to the convention's suggestion concerning federal grants and loans, and to handle other college matters. Twelve of the fifteen members of the board were present.

The board released a statement concerning its policies, in which it was stated that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (of the federal government) "has been advised that William Carey will not accept a loan for \$700,000.00," which had been applied for, prior to the 1965 convention, and which had been approved by the government during 1966.

The trustees also stated "be it resolved by the William Carey Board of Trustees that we continue to refrain from governmental financing of building projects."

However, the trustees stated that they would continue the policy adopted two years ago in which "Admission to William Carey College is not denied to any student on the grounds of his race, color or creed."

Moreover, the trustees continued the policy of cooperating with the students in

the use of federal assistance programs, such as National Defense Student Loan Funds, United Student Aid Funds, Educational Opportunity Grants, College Work Study Programs, and others.

The adopted statement affirms that the trustees believe that the recent convention action on these "rests for interpretation in the respective Boards of Trustees of Mississippi Baptist institutions."

The trustees unanimously adopted a lengthy statement (Continued on page 3)

Cooper Leaving Seminary Post

Dr. W. Lowrey Cooper, missionary who is resigning as rector (president) of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Mrs. Cooper were to be honored at graduation exercises November 11.

Dr. Cooper has headed the school since it was organized in 1950 to educate Baptist workers for Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Bolivia. Previously he was rector of its forerunner, a national seminary in Buenos Aires. He began his missionary career in 1930 as a professor in the original seminary.

He now intends to do general evangelistic work among German-speaking people in Argentina. He plans to study the German language while on furlough in 1967.

Another missionary, Dr. A. Jackson Glaze, Jr., has been elected to succeed Dr. Cooper, and will be inaugurated when the new seminary year begins in March. Both men are natives of Mississippi.

Theme for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is "Behold the Lamb of God," taken from John 1:29. During prayer sessions participants will behold God as healer, teacher, preacher, and Saviour.

Each day's observance in (Continued on Page 2)

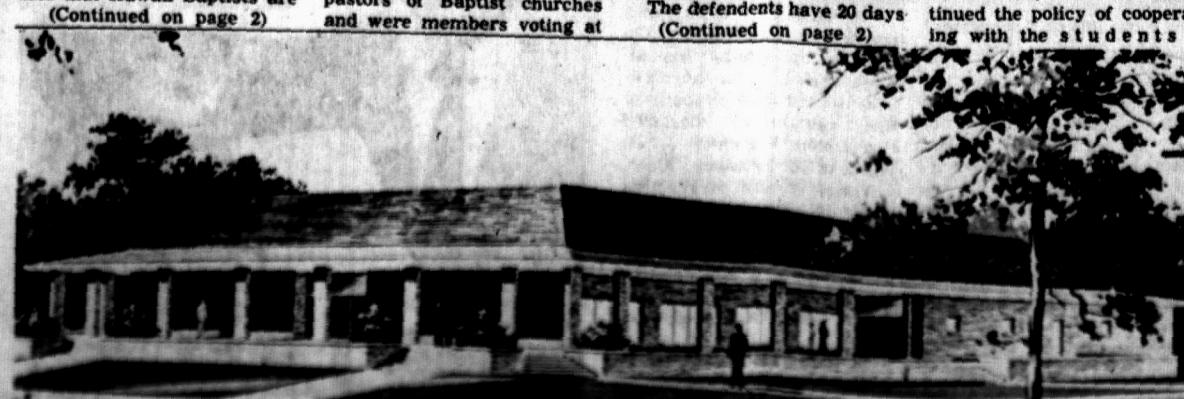
Missionaries To Meet At Garaywa

A fellowship and orientation meeting for all superintendents of missions in the state will be held at Camp Garaywa Dec. 6-8, it has been announced by Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary of Cooperative Missions.

This will be a period of study and several papers will be presented on different phases of associational work, Dr. Rogers said.

Speakers will include Judge C. Guernsey, Jackson and Dr. Loyd Corder, secretary of Language Group Ministries of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday and adjourn at noon Thursday.



THE PROPOSED addition of Camp Garaywa consists of two new dormitory buildings, the largest of three stories, in addition to the larger dining room, the student body of the college, there are two private dining rooms and an adequate food's laboratory for the Home Economics Department. The building will be completed in time for the new school year.



BIBLE COMMUNICATION CITATION—The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Broadcasting Company receive the G. Harold Duling Memorial Award for the color documentary television program, "The Inheritance." The award is given by the Educational Communication Association of which Eli F. Harlee, Washington, D. C., is president. The Duling Award in Bible Communication is presented to those organizations or individuals who have made a significant contribution to the effective communication of the Bible. Pictured are Paul Stevens (left), executive secretary of the SBC Radio and Television Commission, Miss Doris Ann of the religion division of NBC and Roy T. Combs of Indianapolis, Ind., chairman of the Board of ECA and an executive in the Pick Hotel Corporation. —Baptist Press

Philadelphia School District Furnishing Art Teachers To Parochial Schools Challenged

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The practice of the Philadelphia School District in furnishing art and music teachers to church schools in the Philadelphia area was challenged by a suit filed today in the Court of Common Pleas for Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Milne and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cassard, all members of the Philadelphia Chapter of Americans United, have requested the state court to enjoin the practice of using taxpayer funds to implement a Federal program for furnishing teaching assistance to church schools. The gravamen of the complaint is that it is unconstitutional under

the doctrine of separation of church and state — part of the Pennsylvania and United States Constitutions — to use the funds and resources of a state agency to assist churches in their educational activities.

Franklin C. Salisbury, general counsel of Americans United which is assisting in sponsorship of the constitutional test stated: "The suit will test whether the 'child benefit' theory can be stretched to furnish art and music teachers for church schools. The suit will also test whether the device of using Federal funds can permit the employment of state personnel and resources for aid to church school programs. We seek an answer to the question: Can the constitution be

violated indirectly where it admittedly can not be violated directly?"

Suit Filed To . . .

(Continued from page 1) in which to reply to the charges before the court sets a hearing for the case.

Listed as the plaintiffs were J. T. Summers, pastor of Denison Street Baptist Church in Little Rock; R. F. Weeks, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Conway, Ark.; and Ralph Cadwell, pastor of Cole Ridge Baptist Church, Blytheville, Ark.

The plaintiffs and their attorneys, the firm of Howell, Prize and Worsham, described the suit as "an action for declaratory judgement and for injunctive release" involving property rights of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock.

They claim that the convention action violates section 4, article 7 of the constitution, which states: "All trusteeships shall render to the convention at each annual session complete and detailed reports of all transactions and business and any other activities for the year, and shall be subject to the direction of the convention in all matters pertaining to the administering of the affairs of the institution with which their trusteeship is concerned."

Annuity Program . . .

(Continued from page 1) and by grouping together add salaried denominational employees to determine a more accurate prediction of future morality.

"The new program is similar in name to the plans a member may now have. But the similarity ends there when most of the benefits are compared," Reed said.

The new program has three separate parts: Plan A (Southern Baptist Protection Plan) as the basic plan; and Plan B (Age Security Plan) and Plan C (Variable Benefit Plan) as supplemental plans. These will be incorporated in one certificate instead of separate ones as previously required.

"Under the new program," Reed said, "disability benefits will be the same amount a member would receive if he had continued to participate until he retired at age 65." Previously, \$800 a year was the maximum amount a member could receive.

"Widow benefits will be the full 40 per cent of what the normal retirement benefit at age 65 will be," he said. Formerly, widow benefits were on a step-up formula, which took six years to reach the maximum.

"This benefit, like all benefits in the program, begins after the initial year of participation," he added.

The man with the most legitimate children was Edward I. Walcott of Oxnard, Calif. He had 18 children by two wives.

A BAPTIST FIRST

First Southern Baptist Church, Oxnard, California is believed to have witnessed a "first" in Christian Church history recently when Gregory Walcott, center, a busy television actor, baptized Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cudmore, above, I and r. (Brenda Johnson, a Junior girl was also baptized.)

Walcott, former vice president of the SBC, is not an ordained minister; however, the church authorized him to administer the church ordinance. It is the first time a movie personality has been known to officially baptize through the function of a church.

The actor-preacher states: "I have been in many pictures, but this ceremony is by far the most beautiful picture because it symbolizes the believer's identity with the death, burial, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

Gregory Walcott is serving the Crossland Church as interim pastor while Laged Corporation completes the financing of "The Walcott of Oxnard." Walcott will produce and star in the color video-camera movie picture about the Baptist mission-

ary.

(Photo: Dan Shattoe, C.P.O., U.S. Navy)

States Take Varied Actions

(Continued from page 1) affected seriously by the conflict in Viet Nam, and that Hawaii has the highest ratio of casualties by any state in the nation.

The convention experienced its most harmonious and progressive meeting in many years, said Walker.

A \$518,429 budget was adopted, with a \$78,000 Cooperative Program goal that allocates 25 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Maryland

KENSINGTON, Md. (BP)—The Baptist Convention of Maryland recognized the admission of a Negro Baptist church into its fellowship, and adopted a resolution expressing "thanksgiving the people of all races are finding our churches increasingly free of racial barriers."

The convention, meeting for its 131st annual session here, also adopted a resolution on the war in Viet Nam, pledging to support for "every sincere and promising effort in behalf of peace on the part of our national leaders, of the United Nations, and of the spiritual forces of our times."

"We shall not resign ourselves personally to an acceptance of the inevitability of war as a way of international life," said the resolution.

It pledged the support of peace by Christians through prayer, encouraging words, and personal commitment.

Another resolution paid tribute to the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission for its emphasis on Christian ethics and social action.

Another resolution opposed a state lottery in Maryland, urging churches in the state to express "unequivocal opposition to a state lottery."

A resolution urging the convention to create a department of Jewish evangelism was diluted by the convention's resolutions committee, which said that such a department "is not presently feasible."

In major action, the convention adopted a budget of \$861,000, an increase of more than \$80,000 over the 1965 budget.

Plans for construction and development of a new Baptist college in Maryland were outlined by the college's new president, C. Eugene Kratz, who strongly urged the opening of the college in September of 1968.

Utah-Idaho

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (BP)—The Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention met in its second annual session here, adopting a 1967 budget of \$204,276 and reporting on growth of their churches.

There was a total gain of 425 members in the convention's 68 churches and missions during the year, bringing total convention membership to 7,217, according to convention executive-secretary Charles Ashcraft.

Elected as president of the convention was John Emery, pastor of First Baptist Church, Brigham City, Utah.

He succeeds Raymond Cleary, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Mountain Home, Idaho, who was elected second vice president for 1967.

Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—The Alabama Baptist State Convention voted here to increase its budget even beyond the initial recommendations of its Executive Board, and heard an address from its president who urged a ministry to Negro youth of Alabama.

"Because of the tensions created by racial conflict, the door of opportunity has almost closed . . . for any witness to the Negro youth of this generation," declared Convention President J. R. White of Montgomery, Ala.

White, in his presidential address, said that Alabama Baptists are "losing the Negro youth of this generation in this state and missing the opportunity to challenge them with the gospel of Christ."

He urged the convention to establish a crash program to reach Negro youths, especially on the college level, and to help train Negro Baptist leaders.

White also pointed out that Baptists in Alabama had given \$40 million through their churches last year, but they had "robbed God of \$15 million," based on statistics that

showed the tithe potential of Alabama Baptists based on a per capita income would have amounted to \$150 million.

The record \$4.57 million budget adopted by the convention was increased \$180,000 more than the initial budget recommended and approved a month earlier by the convention's Executive Board.

The convention also approved a special study committee report which recommended an expanded ministry to Baptist college students in Alabama, including lectureships at state college campuses, and scholarships or graduate assistantships.

The recommendations, to be inaugurated when funds are available, also suggested dialogue session at colleges with different kind of ministers, including "theologically-oriented men," serving as specialists in dialogue, personal workers, and pastoral-type ministers.

Virginia

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (BP)—The Baptist General Association of Virginia adopted a resolution opposing the Dirksen Amendment, and approved its Christian Life Committee report condemning any form of discriminatory segregation.

The convention approved, after brief debate, a resolution authored by Robert Alley of Richmond, which stated:

"We reaffirm our unwavering support of the established principle of separation of church and state as provided by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and oppose any impairment of that principle by legislation and any and all constitutional amendments which would any way whatsoever affect or seek to interpret the First Amendment."

Approved by overwhelming voice vote was the report of the convention's Christian Life Committee, which condemned any form of segregation, legal or de facto.

"Any system which separates man from man because of prejudice impedes true brotherhood and inhibits the achievement of full personhood," said the statement.

Debate did not center on whether to adopt the resolution, but rather on the meaning of universal brotherhood of mankind. One faction contended that all men are brothers and the other contended that all men become brothers after their individual acceptance of Christ.

The statement called on "every Christian to fight every practice which separates man from man, and to practice ourselves and urge all others to practice the truth that with freedom there must come responsibility."

The committee's report also dealt with the role of the Christian home, Christian citizenship, Christian responsibility to youth, the challenge of the aging, and Christian brotherhood.

On citizenship, the report said that the Christian is a citizen of two worlds, the kingdom of God and political state, and should be obedient to the law of the land as well as to the high law of God. "If the choice must be made, the Christian must obey God

rather than man."

Also approved was a lengthy report of the convention's religious liberty committee, which commended the administrators and boards of Virginia Baptist institutions for their "continued refusal to accept federal or state subsidies."

A record \$4.5 million budget was adopted, allocating 38 per cent to support Southern Baptist Convention causes. The budget is a \$260,000 increase over the 1966 budget.

New Mexico

CLOVIS, N. M. (BP)—Resolutions opposing the use of federal funds by religious institutions, calling for Baptists to pray for peace, and urging preservation of "our great Baptist heritage and doctrine" were adopted here by the Baptist Convention of New Mexico.

The resolution on federal aid also re-affirmed "our belief in the freedom of religion and the separation of church and state."

The convention resolved that "we stand opposed to the use of federal funds for the support of religious institutions, and that we work to that end, that such funds will not only be refused to all religious groups, but will be denied to all such groups."

New Mexico Baptists do not own or operate any schools or hospitals which face the question of accepting federal aid. Last year the convention adopted a similar resolution.

Another resolution adopted at the convention's 57th annual session here pledged unceasing prayers for peace, and for the nation's and world's leaders.

Apparently referring to the ecumenical movement, the convention adopted a resolution resolving to welcome "any opportunity to work with other Christian groups in opposing the forces of evil," but pledging to "give an increasing emphasis to the preservation of our great Baptist heritage and doctrine."

In major business action, the convention adopted a record \$1 1/4 million budget for 1967, including a statewide Cooperative Program budget goal of \$620,000. An increase of \$32,000 over this year's budget, the convention allocated \$167,000 to world wide causes through the Southern Baptist Convention.

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)—The Arizona Southern Baptist Convention adopted here a recommendation which forbids its institutions from accepting federal grants or loans.

Approving the report of its long range planning committee, the convention instructed its agencies and institutions "not to receive funds provided by the government except for services rendered."

Debate on the question of federal loans or grants, unlike a half-dozen other state Baptist conventions meeting this year, did not come up during discussion of the recommendations.

Only one aspect of the recommendation was debated, and it was related, not to federal aid, but to the committee's suggestions concerning control of the institutions.

The convention voted to de-

lete a clause which would have authorized the Executive Board of the convention to "approve all such involvements" for services rendered contracts between Arizona Southern Baptist institutions and government agencies.

Instead, the convention adopted an amendment to the clause which requested the executive committee of the Executive Board to study "the matter of controls in cooperation with the representatives of the boards of our institutions."

Another entire section of the long-range planning committee was also deleted. The convention killed the recommendation which would have created three new divisions of the convention's staff—divisions of missions, church services, and institutions.

The recommendation which was deleted also would have asked that the convention's Executive Board make specific assignments within these three divisions.

One convention messenger said that the convention, which he characterized as "stormy," seemed to be firmly against centralization of control of convention authority under one big board.

Baptist Church Leaving Negro Neighborhood

By Billy Keith

FORT WORTH (BP)—A Southern Baptist church will leave the all-Negro Morningside neighborhood here and merge with another church of the same denomination seven miles away.

Evans Avenue Baptist Church, one of the last all-white congregations in the predominantly Negro area of the city, will merge with the Westcliff Baptist Church, the pastors have announced.

Frank Minton, pastor of the Evans Avenue Church, referring to the church's withdrawal from Morningside, said, "You can grow a vigorous integrated church in an integrated area." But he believes, as do most of his church members, that in a segregated (all Negro) area like Morningside it might be impossible.

According to Minton the Evans Avenue members all live in the suburbs and come in on Sunday morning like commuters and do nothing for the community.

He added that there have been excellent relations with the Negroes living adjacent to the church but none of them have shown an interest in joining the all-white church.

"I believe a Negro Baptist church will be able to win these people," Minton stated. "In an area like this an aggressive Negro church will be able to do much more than a white one."

Evans Avenue church is now negotiating the sale of the church plant for an estimated \$600,000, to a Negro Baptist congregation.

Minton credited Frank Moore, Westcliff pastor, as being the architect for the merger. The two men are now referred to as co-pastors. However, when the merger is completed, Minton will serve as pastor and Moore as associate pastor.

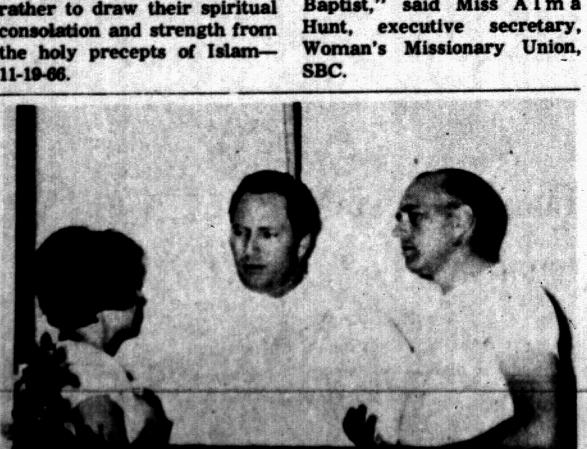
No new name has been chosen but both congregations now refer to the new church as Evans-Westcliff Baptist Church.

Churches In The News

Stronghope Church, Rt. 3, Wesson, has voted to begin the rotating system of deacons. The church also has a committee making a study in regard to remodeling the present buildings and installing a baptistry and air-conditioning, or the building of a new auditorium with these conveniences. Rev. Perry Culver is pastor.

Prosperity
A sign on a New York bank building would have started our grandfathers, but goes unnoticed in this age of taste. Exhibiting the motto: "Prosperity, it ends up."

"Remember, part of all you were belongs to you."



GROCKMAN NAMED CHURCHMAN OF YEAR: Howard E. Scott Jr., right, displays the 1966 Churchman of the Year award he received from Gordon Ford (left) of the Southern Baptist Foundation, which has members primarily from the surrounding Christian regions. Scott is vice president of the R. E. Scott Company, the largest independent food distributor in Texas. Scott is senior pastor to Kentucky's largest community church.

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Convention Afterthoughts—
Appreciation

All too often we forget to express our appreciation for those who serve us. This is true of individuals, of churches, and of conventions. Many individuals and groups deserve the appreciation of Mississippi Baptists at this time after the conclusion of the recent convention.

First of all, our salute is to President Earl Kelly, who, at this session, completed his two years as elected leader of Mississippi Baptists. No president ever has surpassed Dr. Kelly in devotion to a task, or unselfish service to the convention. He has traveled many thousands of miles, spoken innumerable times, attended scores of meetings, served on numerous committees and boards, presented historic addresses on important convention problems, and then crowned it all by a masterly job of presiding at the recent convention. Thank you, Dr. Kelly, for a job well done!

Appreciation, too, to the Convention Board and its Executive Committee, for an outstanding year of work for the convention. Service on the Board, and especially on the Executive Committee, is an exacting task, calling for attendance at many meetings and much hard work. Special appreciation should go to the Building Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Hudgins, which during the year has completed purchase of property for the new building, arranged the financing, completed the plans for the building, let the contracts, and sold the present building. Thanks to every man who has served on the Convention Board and any of its committees for splendid service rendered.

Gratitude is due to boards of trustees and other boards and committees, who have made this a continued year of advance for our institutions. These, too, are demanding positions, calling for much time and service, on the part of many individuals. Added to them, must be the administrators and those who work with them, who have done such outstanding work, despite the difficult financial problems which face them at this time.

Appreciation also should go to those who serve on special committees. Several special committees have served during the past year, including the Committee of 24, the Long Range Committee on Christian Education, and the Baptist Education Study Task committee which works with the Southern Baptist committee

of the same title. All of these committees gave much time and energy to their task. For example, the Committee of 24 held a total of seven full meetings, most of them lasting through a full day, and numerous subcommittee meetings. Business and professional men, as well as pastors, gave many hours of their time, some of them at much expense to themselves, but they did this willingly and joyfully, in service of the convention. The Long Range Committee on Christian Education is continued, and probably will find it necessary to meet several times during the coming year. All three of these, and other special committees, deserve the sincere thanks of all Mississippi Baptists.

The convention secretaries always do an outstanding job, working with such efficiency that the proceedings of the convention were delivered to the Executive Secretary and to the Baptist Record on Monday after the convention ended on Thursday. Last year, through the action of Business Manager Art Nelson of the Convention Board, in having the associational tables prepared by Electronic Computer, it was possible for the convention annual to be ready more than four months ahead of the usual time of recent years. Thanks to the secretaries, to the business manager and to others who had a part in this.

"Thank Yous" cannot be passed around, without giving one of the big ones to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, our Executive Secretary-Treasurer, who leads all of our Mississippi Baptist work. He attends more meetings, is consulted by more committees, makes more addresses, and carries more responsibilities than any among us, and all of us feel deep gratitude to him for the able and effective leadership he is giving us.

Finally, thanks should be expressed to all who serve on the convention board staff. . . . the department heads, the associates, the secretaries, and all others who work at the board offices. Without them the work of the convention could not be done, and they are doing a tremendous job.

It would be impossible to name every one who has served the convention, for there are so many, who do so much, to make the convention program function and advance, so we include all in a final, "Thank you!"

Quotables

SELECTED BY THE EDITOR FROM CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT AND OPINION

To believe is to be strong. Doubt cramps energy. Belief is power.—Frederick W. Robertson.

One person with a belief is equal to a force of ninety-nine who have only interests.—John Stuart Mill.

An honest belief, while hard to come by, is humanity's main asset and hope.—Peabody Journal of Education.

GUEST EDITORIAL
Match Convictions With Dollars
For Schools

John Hurt in The Baptist Standard

(The Baptist General Conviction in its recent session voted that its institutions should not accept federal grants and loans. It did not, however, disapprove of student loans, payment for service rendered by the institutions, faculty grants, etc. Editor John Hurt wrote the following editorial in the Baptist Standard concerning the convention action, and it seemed to fit the Mississippi situation so well that we are using it here. We fool only ourselves if we think \$1 of Baptist money can compete with \$5 or \$10 in federal and state funds.)

Will Texas Baptists match their convictions with dollars? That's the question which keeps echoing from the 1966 sessions of the Baptist General Convention.

Major action of the sessions was reaffirmation of a ban on government loans for Baptist institutions. The conviction was deep enough that messengers rejected a special committee report which eliminated subsidized interest rates.

But what of the future? We fool only ourselves if we insist on a normal program of financial support.

The situation is acute in the colleges. Institutions accepting tax dollars have the advantage in faculty salaries. They also have the advantage of lower student costs. All of which means there must be millions more in Baptist dollars if we provide a superior education for our students.

Where, then, is the positive action to advance Christian education after the negative action concerning government loans?

Approximately a fourth of the Cooperative Program budget now goes to Christian education. There is little thought and no hope of any major percentage adjustment within the budget.

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The convention authorized a committee to study possibilities. It will report next year, and it must report an answer for the future. It is either that or convention courage to close some of its colleges in order that others may survive.

We cannot afford a second-class program of higher education under the auspices of Texas Baptists. Let's resolve to match our convictions with our dollars, millions of them, in the decade ahead.

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Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

December 5—Mary Ann Baird, Mississippi College faculty; Birdie Gray, Baptist Book Store.

December 6—J. W. Brister, superintendent of missions, Gulf Coast Associations; Mrs. Jan Nix, music director, Children's Village.

December 7—John W. Tadlock, Baptist student director, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College; W. Bryce Evans, faculty, Clarke College.

December 8—Anita Lazenby, staff, Blue Mountain College; Hendon Bolton, faculty, William Carey College.

December 9—Mrs. Sandra Brannon, Baptist headquarters; Tom Butler, Baptist Building.

December 10—Mrs. Dorothy Crow, instructor, Gilfoyle School of Nursing; Inez Driskell, instructor, Gilfoyle School of Nursing.

December 11—Mrs. Retha S. Baker, faculty, Mississippi College; Guy Graham, Itawamba County superintendent of missions.

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Newest In Books

ECHOES FROM THE HILLS, TALL TALES FROM TENNESSEE by J. Harold Stephens (Golden Rule Press, 75 pp., paperback, \$1.00)

This compilation of 156 "tall tales" on many themes contains episodes, experiences, poems by the author's father, and anecdotes. On the attractive cover, an ancient cabin nestles beside a mountain stream.

Dr. Stephens, author of the book, and pastor of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, Tennessee, was born in Moore County, Tennessee. He spends most of his vacations in a log cabin in the mountains near Monterey, Tennessee, and often preaches in the mountain churches at night while he is there.

His great love for the mountain people is reflected in this book. Dr. Thomas G. Burton, professor at East Tennessee State University, and President of the Tennessee Folklore Society, says,

"The humor, particularly that characteristic of the folk tales, and the variety of illustrations make this collection delightful to the general reader as well as practical to the professional speaker." Dr. Stephens is also author of two Broadman books, *SURPASSING GRACE* and *THE CHURCHES AND THE KINGDOM*.

HIGLEY VERSE BY VERSE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARY 1967 (Lambert Huffman Publishers, Winona Lake, Indiana, 541 pp., \$2.25)

Edited by Jasper A. Huffman and Knute Larson, and published by S. L. Huffman, this extraordinary commentary is packed with "goodies" for the Sunday school teacher. New sections this year add lustre to an already choice volume. They are Bible maps (eight pages in color); the Lesson in Song (a hymn to go with each lesson, including the story of the writing); How to Say It (phonetic pronunciation of difficult words); Sentence Sermon (main theme of lesson); Weekday Problems (a situation that makes the pupil apply principles to get out of it). Traditional sections still included are the Title Section, Scripture Selection, Teaching Outline, Teacher's Target, Verse by Verse Commentary, Real Life Illustration, Daily Bible Readings, Memory Selection, Evangelistic Emphasis, Points of

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS by Clinton J. Allen, 1967 (Broadman, 216 pp., \$2.50)

This small volume in 1967 will mark the 30th year of continuous publication. It was written by Dr. Hight C. Moore from 1937 until 1958, and by Dr. Clinton J. Allen since 1958.

Dr. Moore was, and Dr. Allen is, editorial secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. Lessons from this book are printed in the Baptist Record weekly, and have been since the death of Dr. Hight C. Moore. Clinton J. Allen, who formerly wrote

Pertain Truths for Today, Superintendent's Sermonette, How to Illustrate It (chalk drawing or poster illustration), Primary-Junior Topic, and Pump Primer. Unique to this particular commentary, the latter gives 1000 questions and answers to stimulate class discussion.

1967 TARBELL'S TEACHER'S GUIDE edited by Frank S. Mead (Fleming H. Revell, 376 pp., \$3.25)

Tarbell's commentary on the International Sunday School Lessons, now in its 62nd year, is acclaimed by all denominations. Each text is recorded in King James Version and Revised Standard Version, in parallel columns, followed by an illuminating paragraph on Scriptural, geographical, and historical backgrounds. The abundance of quotations and illustrations helps the teacher make the lessons personal and practical.

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THE DOUGLASS SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS 1967 edited by Earl L. Douglass, assisted by Gordon L. Roberts (Macmillan, 386 pp., \$3.25)

This commentary on the International Sunday School Lessons includes Bible text in the King James Version, a lesson plan for every Sunday in the year, systematic exposition of the Bible passages, practical hints for teaching each lesson, and audio-visual recommendations.

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HONG KONG COLLEGE—A tea reception preceded the formal dedication services for the new seven-story building of Hong Kong Baptist College on October 21. The activities were held in the courtyard in front of the building. (Photo by William O'Rourke)

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In recent months the Japan Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) has requested three pastors, two interim pastors, and one religious education director for English-language church work. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has been able to fill only one of these requests—for an interim pastor.

Unless the other positions can be filled by stateside volunteers the churches will have to struggle along without proper leadership, or missionaries who have been trained for a Japanese-language ministry will have to assume responsibility.

There are six English-language Baptist churches and

one mission in Japan, most of them only a few years old.

"They are performing an extremely valuable ministry in keeping Baptists who are away from home actively enlisted in a vital church program, in witnessing to the lost, and in giving their members an opportunity to become acquainted with missions at first hand," says Dr. Robert H. Culpepper, chairman of the Japan Mission.

Persons interested in English-language work overseas should contact the personnel department of the Foreign Mission Board.



'ECUMENICAL' ASTRONAUTS—CAPE KENNEDY, Fla.—The four astronauts participating in the Gemini 12 space flight make up quite an "ecumenical" group. In front is the prime crew: Air Force Major Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., Presbyterian, pilot (left); and Navy Capt. James A. Lovell, Jr., Episcopalian, command pilot. In rear is the backup crew: Navy Lt. Comdr. Eugene A. Cernan, Catholic, pilot (left); and Air Force Lt. Col. L. Gordon Cooper, Jr., Methodist, command pilot. (RNS Photo)

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Norman Draper, tribal linguist of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, reports the stirrings of a genuine people's movement toward Christianity in New Guinea villages.

Draper, who has been at

Wycliffe's New Guinea Base working on his translation of the Marik New Testament, just recently had a visit from some of the leaders of his tribe. They told him of a meeting that has been held representing three villages of

this primitive area. Some 800 tribesmen were present to discuss their acceptance of a common goal to learn to read and write, and to learn of Jesus Christ. The villages voted unanimously to cut loose from their ancestral

worship so that they can now devote themselves to learning. "We don't want to be forced to become Christians in order to enjoy the benefits of literacy," say the near-stone age tribesmen, but they remain open to the hearing of the Gospel. They know that by reading they can learn "how

we really live Christian lives." They have already marked out sites for school buildings in each village.

The culture of these people demand unity on matters of worship. And unity they have, on the principle that pagan rituals will be dropped and each will be individually free to

accept literacy and the Word of God. To them it was amazing that "even old people can read and write."

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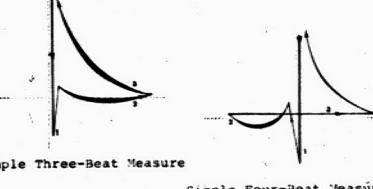
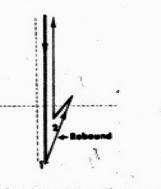
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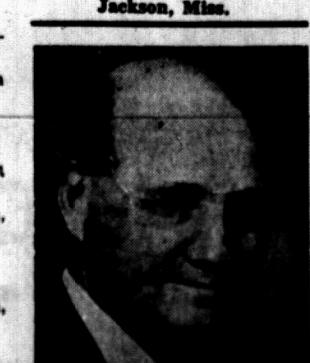
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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON— Prophecies Of Peace

By Clifton J. Allen

Isaiah 9:2-7; 11:1-9

The dominant theme of the prophecies of Isaiah and Jeremiah was the messianic hope. Appropriately, therefore, we turn to Isaiah for two lessons which center on the coming and the redemptive work of the Messiah.

The Lesson Explained The Messiah To Come Verse 1

The situation in Judah at the time of Isaiah's prophecy was a dark prospect. He declared that the Messiah would come and that through him God's purpose for his chosen people would be realized. The Messiah would be a definite person, "a rod out of the stem of Jesse"—a sprout from the stump would spring forth and grow to maturity. He would be of the royal line, the Son of David. God had promised David that there would come one to sit upon the throne of Israel forever. Thus the Messiah to come would be the fulfillment of a covenant promise made with the people of Israel.

His Equipment To Rule Verses 2-5

These verses set forth the assurance that the Messiah would be divinely equipped to rule; they declare also the character of his reign. All that the Messiah would be and all that he would do would spring basically from his endowment by the Spirit of the Lord. Because of this endowment, he would have "wisdom and understanding" or clearness of moral and spiritual insight. He would have "counsel and might" or a clear sense of direction and divine power to fulfill his mission. He would have "knowledge and . . . the fear of the Lord" — which seems to mean he would have delight in the fear of the Lord. Doing the Father's will would be his supreme purpose and joy. His reign would be characterized by fairness in judging the poor and reproofing the wicked.

The Messiah's rule would be governed by the insights of perfect knowledge into the conscience of man. He would thus be able to judge in behalf of the oppressed and the meek and to sit in judgment on the unrighteous and the

proud.

The Reign Of Peace Verses 6-9

In these verses the prophet describes the perfect fulfillment of the Messiah's reign in terms of peace. It is a poetic and figurative description declaring that wild and ferocious beasts will no longer make cruel attacks on the lamb and the kid and the calf. They will have become docile to the point that "a little child shall lead them." This era of peace will surely come, but it is something beyond the present age, something which Christ will accomplish by his sovereignty.

Truths To Live By

The hope for peace is in the Prince of peace.—The world order is dominated by the spirit of selfishness. Greed and jealousy, and pride in unregenerated hearts produce enmity, strife, and violence. Wars and rumors of wars are the inevitable outcome of the reign of sin. The hope for peace, therefore, must be found in One who delivers men from the reign of sin by the power of grace. Through the redemption of Christ, the hearts of men are changed. Selfishness, bitterness, and hate are transformed into attitudes of unselfishness, love, and generosity. There is reconciliation in Christ, unity in Christ, and peace in Christ.

Peace is impossible apart from freedom and justice.—There are many persons preaching peace — for example, the Communists — but they have no real concern for freedom and justice among men. They ignore the fact that oppression and injustice, discrimination and mistreatment, breed strife and foster violence. The most serious threats to peace in many sections of our nation are the outcome of deeply-rooted injustice. The way to peace must be found in the practice of Christian love and application of the principles of fairness and justice according to what is right in the sight of God. Around the world, peace calls for setting men free — free from the police state, free from the threat of starvation, free from illiteracy, and free from suspicion and hate.

Peace is a challenge to Christians. —Peace is something for which men must strive, with the ingenuity of intelligence and the courage of faith and the energy of love. It is something for

Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance Training Union Attendance Additions To The Church

November 27, 1966

Aberdeen, First 355 141

Amory, First 421 140

Belzoni, First 300 99

Bethel, (Rankin) 63 39 1

Biloxi, Emmanuel 278 132 2

Biloxi, First 600 125 2

Brookhaven, Central 400 135 2

Bruce, First 200 90

Cleveland: Morrison Chapel 339 136

Collierville 110 79

Antioch 229 107

Fairview 345 204

Crystal Springs, First 545 179

Forest 385 143 3

Grindelia: First 519 174 3

Gulfport, First 741 241

Hindsburg: First 302 117

Central First 283 173 1

38th Avenue 153 100 1

Houston, First 413 135 1

Memphis: Parkway 345 121 2

Iuka 70 22

Jackson: Morrison Chapel 307 136

Alta Woods 975 380 2

Broadmoor 1325 465

Colony Heights 221 125 10

Crestwood 292 125

Daniel Memorial 573 207

First 1313 303 4

Hillcrest 472 174

Hillside 317 164 3

McLaurin Hgts. 317 173

Lakeview Man. 15 15

Midway 359 171 2

Morrison Heights 406 176

Oakwood 541 207

Park Hill 282 143 6

Parkway 893 245

Robinson St. 289 124 2

Southgate 331 178 3

Woodville Hgts. 300 171 2

Kosciusko: Parkway 172 93

Laurel: 200

Bethlehem 146 101

First 402 155 2

Highland 376 179

Magnolia St. 332 188

Plainview 140 116 79

Second Avenue 271 126 2

Long Beach, First 144 126

490 90

Main 449 59

Memorial Drive 41 31

Ripley, First 196 65

South 206 122

215 74

Memphis: Collinsville 113 71

Fifteenth Avenue 446 199

New Hope 119 60

Poplar Springs Dr. 459 136

Shady Grove 309 125

Mt. Creek (Rankin) 73 51 1

Pascagoula, Eastlawn 266 149

200 105

Pearson 300 172

Petal-Harvey 213 155 2

Main 190 68

Memorial Drive 23 17

Ripley, First 300 103 1

Ridgeway 50 30

Sanderson 178 123

Sharon, First (Jones) 134 61

Sidon, Phillipston 123 88

Starkey, First 778 325

Summerdale (Rankin) 196 120

November 20, 1966

Beaumont, First 562 196 2

Columbia, First 334 160

Greenwood, North 465 164 3

Laurel 301 158 3

Woodwood 316 154

McComb 222 158 1

Navilla 234 72 2

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CLARKE BEGINS PROMOTION OF MISSIONS OFFERING—Led by the Baptist Student Union, and particularly, by the Young Women's Auxiliary, the traditional emphasis on the Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions was begun in a special chapel program on November 22. Speakers on the program were James E. Reed, Columbus (center, above), Gayle Dillon, Tylertown, president of Y. W. A. (left) and Mrs. W. L. Compre (right). Paul Jones, (second from right), LaFayette, Ala., sang "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne". Rev. J. B. Costill, B. S. U. Director, presided. Ronnie Burkett, president of B. S. U., Jackson (not pictured), led in prayer. The goal of the offering was set at \$2,467. Bulbs on the star (see picture) represent \$66 each and five were turned on in the ceremony. The center bulb represents \$157.



ESSO GIFT—Dr. R. A. McLemore (center), president of Mississippi College, receives a \$2500 check from G. Q. Hightower (left), district manager of Humble Oil and Refining Company, as part of the ESSO Education Foundation grants of 1966-67. Looking on is J. J. Piazza, district sales supervisor for Humble. The Presidential Contingency grant, available only to private colleges, will be used to further the undergraduate program of the college. (M.C. Photo)

Pass Road, Gulfport To Observe Anniversaries

Pass Road Church, Gulfport, will observe the 16th anniversary of its organization and the 10th anniversary of its pastor in special services, beginning on November 30. Rev. John W. Wade, Sr., is pastor.

In connection with the anniversary the church will engage in evangelistic services with Rev. Robert M. Carlisle, pastor of Big Ridge Church, Biloxi doing the preaching, and Adam Ortiz, Music Director for the church, leading the music. Services will be at regular hours on Sunday, and at 7:00 each evening during the week.

On the first night, the church will hold a commemoration service, honoring the memory of Rev. Thomas F. Henry, founder of the church. Bro. Henry died in 1956.

The work of this church began late in the summer of 1947, when Rev. Thomas F. Henry, began Sunday School and preaching services in a tent just east of the present Northeast Ward Elementary School on the Pass Road. In September the well remembered hurricane destroyed the tent, but did not weaken the Henry's faith in God's call for a work here. The Sunday School and preaching services were held in the Henry home.

There were times when the Henrys thought of accepting other calls, but the need of the children of the community who came knocking on their door was too great. The numbers increased to forty or more. On October 16, 1959 the first services were held in the Pass Road Baptist Mission, as an organized mission.

Mr. Ralph Case, the late Mr. H. Drye and Brother Henry signed a note for the first plot of ground, and a friend from Kansas sent a check to buy a wooden frame building (Fire Station No. 2) from Gulfport Field. First Baptist Church of Gulfport paid for the moving of the building. The Mission was later accepted as an arm of the First Baptist Church of Gulfport, Dr. Joe T. Odie,

Pastor, and in 1951 was organized as Pass Road Baptist Church.

The Lord blessed and increased the church and soon the building became inadequate. In 1953 more land was purchased adjacent to the first plot, and the present sanctuary was built.

Rev. Henry died on November 30, 1956, and the congregation asked Brother John Wade, who had recently assisted as song leader in a revival effort, to lead them, and during this crucial time the church was not without leadership for even a week.

Brother Wade's ministry began the first Sunday in December, 1956, although he did not accept the congregation's call officially until the third Wednesday Night of February 1957.

The church continued to grow, and the need for additional space was soon apparent. On August 2, 1960 another parcel of land, 100' x 360' was purchased, and in 1961 a new two-story educational unit was built by the men and women of the church.

The Lord continued to bless and the membership continued to increase and in 1964, to meet further needs of expansion, another educational unit consisting of a single floor was built. The existing two-story educational unit and auditorium were completely renovated.

The value of the church property has increased from \$6,000 to \$150,000 during these years and the total income

has grown from \$1,310 to more than \$22,000 during the present year.

During the sixteen year history, 685 converts have been baptized and 842 members have been received into the church fellowship by letter or statement, giving a total of 1,527 members received by the church.

Of the 685 baptized by the church, 595 have been baptized during the ministry of Brother Wade and of the 842 received by letter or statement, 745 have been received during his ministry. The church now has 465 resident members. Sunday School enrollment is 237 with an average attendance of 164-plus, and a Training Union enrollment of 175 with an average attendance of 100-plus.

In the church year 1956-57 91 were received by baptism, and 83 by letter. The most outstanding year for the church was 1958-59, when 109 were baptized and 100 received by letter into the church fellowship.

For the immediate future, church year 1966-67, a new two-story educational unit is to be built. The lower floor will house the nursery department, and the upper floor will provide facilities for the Beginners, and Primaries and a projection room for visual education.

DEVOTIONAL

Bearing The Good News

By James Terpo, Supt. of Missions, Panola County

Luke 24:44-49

Effective Christian witnessing involves far more than uniting with a local church or abiding by a fixed set of rules. Jesus emphasized the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer as power, as personality, and as proclaimers. All of these enable the Christian properly to identify, to influence, and to be instrumental in sharing the gospel of Christ with a needy world.

Jesus assured His followers that they would experience the filling of the Holy Spirit by waiting in Jerusalem. In reality they experienced a clothing of the Spirit for their task of preaching the gospel. The matter of identity was of such importance to them that the Spirit enabled them to be distinguished from the world around them. This is not to say that they withdrew for fear of persecution or for other reasons. But their true identity was with Christ and His church. I remember a young soldier when I served as a member of our armed forces. He was not the most outstanding soldier in his group. However, one thing stood out in his duties as a man in the uniform of his country. He was given the responsibility of carrying the company flag at the head of the company as the men marched. You cannot imagine the thrill that came to him as he identified himself with his fellow soldiers by bearing their flag. All of us are not gifted with the same number of talents with which to do the work that Christ saved us to do. But we can willingly offer our best in His service.

The personality of the Spirit is such that we cannot long identify without bearing influence. Life has many ingredients that go to make up our total effectiveness as Christians. Our attitudes, our conduct, and our associations with others will be more influential than we can imagine. We are asked to be what the Spirit can do in and through us and nothing more. Therefore, if given the rightful place in our lives, the Holy Spirit will touch lives that we believe to be beyond His reach.

Every Christian should be deeply grateful for the voice of the Spirit in our lives. He only asks that He might have use of our hands, our feet, our eyes, our voice, and all that we are, in order that He might proclaim through us the glorious message of redemption. How thrilling to know that we who are saved have already shared in God's divine plan and purpose for mankind. But we shall never know the full joy of the Christian life until we lose ourselves in His will as we make Him known to others.

The outreach of our own personal witness can never be any more effective than the power with which we are clothed. Could it be that because of our unwillingness to be used of the Lord that we have closed the door to the working of the Spirit? God forbid! There are precious souls waiting, as though it were at the door of every Baptist church in Mississippi, lost, spiritually hungry, and without hope, longing for the warmth of God's love. We must bear the responsibility if they do not hear. Therefore, tell it again, and again . . . Jesus saves!

Calvary Church Installs Chimes

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kelly of Dallas, Texas, gave to Calvary Church, Silver Creek, a set of Mass Chimes in memory of Mrs. Kelly's father, John Jobron.

They were installed by Roseberry Piano House of Hattiesburg. The chimes were used for the first time on November 6.

Mr. John Jobron served as Sunday school secretary of Calvary Church for 35 years. Rev. S. A. Adkins is pastor.

Off The Record

Boss: "Why are you late?"
Clark: "I had car trouble."
Boss: "What happened?"
Clark: "I was a little late getting into it."

Pushing his cart around the supermarket, the trucker remarked to his wife: "Near as I can estimate it, the cost per mile to operate one of these rigs is around \$300."

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She smiled sweetly and, pointing to one in the middle, said, "OK, I'll take that one."

As his wife checked out at the local supermarket, an irate husband exclaimed: "Nylons, cosmetics, records, magazines, plants—no wonder our grocery bill is so high."

Wife to frowns husband holding canceled checks in hand: "You mean the bank saves all the checks I write and sends them to you? What a sneaky thing to do."

Housewife with screaming kids to salesman: "Could you come back later—when the children are in college?"

His First Lesson
This one comes to us from Newport, where the grade school youngster returned from the first day at school. He was full of news for his parents, but most amazing of all:

"A lady came to the home room door and called Johnny out. When he came back he had on a new suit. Later in the day another lady called for Johnny and he left the room. He came back with a new pair of shoes."

"You know what? Tomorrow, if they call Johnny out, I'm going with him!"

Flirting Flap
"DID you see the pleased expression on Mrs. Jones' face when I told her she looked no older than her daughter?"

"No, I was looking at the expression on her daughter's face."

Midway To Hear Miss Robinson

Miss Edwina Robinson, Executive Secretary-treasurer of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, will speak at Midway Church, Jackson, Sunday night, December 4th at 7:15 p.m.

She will talk on the Little Moon Christmas Offering at work in Europe and show slides on her trip to Europe this past summer.

Braxton Awards Attendance Pins

On Sunday, November 27, Braxton Church awarded pins to the following persons, for perfect attendance in Sunday school:

Robert Echols, five years; Gerald Echols, five years; Mrs. Mae Russell, eight years; Mrs. Roy Dawson, six years; Roy Dawson, six years.

Names In The News

Dr. Jasper L. McPhail, Southern Baptist missionary on furlough from India, has recently passed the examination of the Board of Thoracic Surgery. He may be addressed at 1800 Holcombe Blvd., Apt. 201, Houston, Tex., 77021.

Joe Haynes and D. Lewis White, of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, both former Mississippian, are participating in an Asia Sunday School Crusade November 19-December 20. During this time they will visit Baptist missionaries and assist in Sunday school work in Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaya, Thailand, Taiwan, and Hawaii.

EMANUEL INFANT DIES

Beverly Anne Emanuel, three-week-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. B. P. (Bill) Emanuel, missionaries to the Philippines, died October 20 in Houston, Tex., where the family is on furlough.

The Emanuels have five other children. The parents may be addressed at 7200 Neff, Houston, Tex., 77036.



MARY ALICE DITSWORTH, missionary to Indonesia, is the guest of the William Carey College Baptist Student Union on November 21. She reviewed the mission story book "Crosscurrents" at a supper held at First Baptist Church. Miss Ditsworth was appointed to Indonesia by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956. She spent her entire first term in the city of Bandung. Her major work has been in the field of publication. She spends many hours in editing, writing, organizing, translating, and reading proof in preparation for Christian materials used in the mission work. A Mississippian, she was born in Laredo, and grew up in Pascagoula. She has a missionary sister, Mrs. R. Edward Gilstrap, Sr., of Guatemala.

Revival Dates

Calvary, Pascagoula: November 28-December 4; Dr. Landrum Leavell (pictured)

First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, evangelist; weekday services at 10 a. m. and 7:15 p.m.; Hubert Greer, minister of music, Calvary, song leader; Rev. Byron E. Mathis, pastor.

Bagwell Accepts Webster Churches

Rev. Charles Bagwell has accepted a call to Fellowship and Wait Hall Churches in Webster County, and will move on the field December 1.

He succeeds Rev. J. B. Midleton who resigned after 16 years in the ministry, and who is now accepting supply preaching appointments and revivals.

Rev. R. R. Gordon NEW SARDIS CALLS PASTOR

New Sardis Church, Smith County, has called Rev. R. R. Gordon from Laurel as pastor.

Formerly pastor of churches in Jones County, he began his new duties on November 6.

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Dr. Webb began his ministry at Daniel Memorial on the first Sunday of December, 1966.

RECEPTION TO HONOR DR. A. WEBB

Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, will honor Dr. and Mrs. Allen Webb, with a reception on Sunday, December 4, on the occasion of his sixth anniversary as pastor of the church.

The reception, sponsored by the ladies of the church, will be held in the Activities Building of the church, from 2:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon. Friends, members, and former members of the church are invited.

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Wanted: Name Of Oldest Southern Baptist Church Library

NASHVILLE — The name of the oldest functioning library in a Southern Baptist church is the object of a search launched by the Sunday School Board's steering committee for National Library Week — Church Library Emphasis 1967.

The oldest library will be featured in the promotion and publicity of the week, which will be observed April 16-22.

Churches with libraries which date earlier than 1900 are requested to send to the Board by Jan. 1, 1967, the names of the library and the librarian and the number of books in the library.

Send information to: Wayne E. Todd, Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.